



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

# PARTY GUIDE

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## 31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Congratulations! You've come to the first page of all the information you will need for National Night Out in The Woodlands, Texas.

National Night Out is a great crime prevention tool. It encourages you and your neighbors to get together. When neighbors know each other and pay attention to their surroundings it helps law enforcement by recognizing and reporting suspicious people or vehicles. The more you know about your neighborhood, the more you can do to keep it safe.

Please join us on **Saturday, September 20, 2014 from noon – 3 p.m.** for a **Community Safety Expo** at Northshore Park on Lake Woodlands Drive. It is a day of food, fun and public safety demonstrations for the entire community. You will have the opportunity to explore public safety apparatus such as: an ambulance, fire engine, mobile command unit and much more. You can also watch live law enforcement K9 demonstrations, try on S.W.A.T. and fire fighter gear and meet real Crime Scene Investigators and Texas Rangers! The kids will enjoy face painting, a bounce house, crafts and hanging out with McGruff the Crime Dog! Admission is free to the public.

Also, we hope you have a **National Night Out Party** on **Tuesday, October 7, 2014**. You can register your party online at <http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/FormCenter/Neighborhood-Services-12/National-Night-Out-Party-Registration-102>.

After registering your party online please plan to pick up your party supplies at **Supply and Registration Day** on **Thursday, September 25 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.** at The Woodlands Township (2801 Technology Forest Blvd. – *Board Chambers entrance*). Available supplies might include: balloons, giveaways, yard signs, party ideas, etc.

We are looking forward to sharing the fun with you!

The Woodlands Township, Neighborhood Services, The Woodlands Watch



## Keeping it simple...

We know many neighborhoods have an informal get together for National Night Out and we're glad that you get out and meet your neighbors; taking that first step in crime prevention.

Please register your National Night Out get together and check the box

*"No supplies or public safety visit required"*

on the registration form at

<http://www.thewoodlandtownship-tx.gov/FormCenter/Neighborhood-Services-12/National-Night-Out-Party-Registration-102>

It's important to us to have an accurate number of neighborhoods participating in National Night Out; we appreciate you registering your get together.

# TOP 10 REASONS TO HOST A NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTY

1. **Have fun!**
2. **Meet** your neighbors.
3. **Organize** a Watch program on your street.
4. **Increase** the sense of belonging in your neighborhood.
5. **Share** crime prevention and safety information.
6. **Create** a neighborhood e-mail directory.
7. **Start** a tradition.
8. **Learn** about your neighborhood's history.
9. **Discover** your neighbor's hidden talents (line dancing, guitar playing).
10. **Make** community connections.

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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ACTIVITY IDEAS

## SIMPLE REFRESHMENTS

- Bring your favorite snack
- Coffee, tea and dessert
- Cookie exchange
- Fruit and cheese plates
- Hot dogs and brats
- Ice cream cones / sundaes
- Lemonade and cookies
- Mini-donut stand
- Popcorn
- Potluck
- Pretzels and pop
- Root beer floats
- Watermelon

## GROUP CONVERSATIONS / MIXERS

- "Neighbor of the Year" award
- Oldest resident award
- Longest resident award
- Block e-mail list
- Block history stories
- Find block leader volunteers
- Have an ice breaker
- Interview politicians running for office
- Neighbor trivia game
- Photos from past block parties
- Share ideas/accomplishments
- Skill swap
- Talk about area crime concerns and keep an eye on each others houses
- Update block list for people and pets
- Update block contact list
- Welcome new residents



## ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

- Bicycle parade / rodeo
- Sidewalk chalk art
- Coloring / maze sheet
- Dime / penny guess
- Duck pond
- Face painting
- Games
- Kiddie jump (moon walk)
- Make a banner or mural
- Piñata
- Scavenger hunt
- Skits or a talent show

## ALL-AGES ACTIVITIES

- Book exchange / book swap
- Build a milk carton boat
- Cake walk
- Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc
- Dance / street dance
- Lawn mower beauty contest
- Live music
- Movies
- Organize a book club
- Paint an old car w/water colors
- Parade
- Plant exchange
- Prizes
- Races: minnow, cotton ball on spoon
- Recognize kids' accomplishments
- Ring toss contest
- Sing-a-long, karaoke
- Sports: soccer, volleyball
- Storytelling
- Tour the gardens on the block
- Water balloon fights / toss
- White elephant exchange

## CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY

- Beautify a common area
- Collect for a food bank
- Cover graffiti
- Nominate a block club or a person for a crime prevention award
- Plan a fall clean-up or bulb planting
- Presentation by an arborist (Dutch elm disease, etc.)
- Sign up neighbors for library cards
- Use e-mail to communicate more with your block club
- Voter registration drive
- Community impact statements for petitions

**TURN ON YOUR LIGHTS,  
LOCK YOUR DOORS AND  
MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!**



# LOOK WHAT'S NEW IN 2014!



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## National Night Out Theme Party Contest

Your party will be judged the night of National Night Out,  
Tuesday, October 7, 2014 (one winner per Village).

### Criteria:

- Use of Theme
- Creativity
- Neighborhood Involvement
- Crime Prevention  
Message/Education

### Theme Party Ideas:

- Mardi Gras
- Luau
- Carnival
- German Festival



### Germanfest



### Luau Party

To entry into the contest please be sure to include your information  
on the Party Registration form

<http://www.thewoodlandtownship-tx.gov/FormCenter/Neighborhood-Services-12/National-Night-Out-Party-Registration-102>.

Winner will receive a Pizza Party for your neighborhood!

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# BLOCK PARTY PLANNING

*(Form to help plan your party)*



***We are glad you can join us for National Night Out***  
***on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_***

We are asking each family to bring:

- Chairs
- Your own meal to grill
- A salad or dessert to share with (number?) people
- Your own beverages
- Your own plates and utensils
- (Other?)

Do you have any of the following that you could bring?

- Barbecue grill
- Table
- Cooler

Do you have a talent (like playing guitar or teaching country line dancing) or special equipment (like a karaoke machine or a bounce house) that you could share? Please describe below.

Please return this form by \_\_\_\_\_ to:

**Coordinator name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coordinator phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coordinator address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coordinator e-mail** \_\_\_\_\_



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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTY!

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Location:**

**Contact:**

**Bring:**

**Lock your doors, turn on your lights  
and go outside to meet your neighbors!**

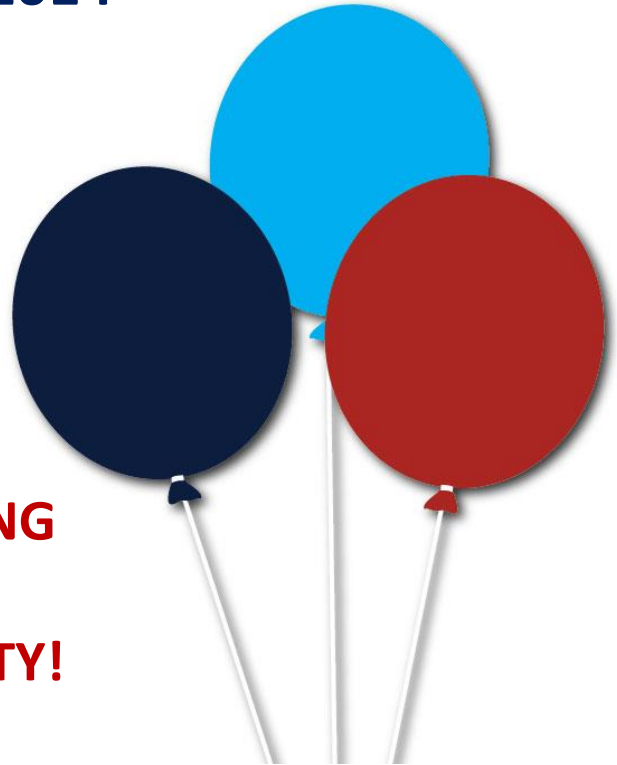


# SUPPLY AND REGISTRATION DAY

**Thursday, September 25, 2014**

**10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

The Woodlands Township  
2801 Technology Forest Blvd.  
(Board Chambers entrance)



**STOP BY TO GET EVERYTHING  
YOU NEED FOR YOUR  
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTY!**

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## THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE PIZZA!



Register your National Night Out party by Tuesday, September 16, 2014, to have your name entered in a drawing for a chance to win free pizza and other prizes for your National Night Out party!

### TWO FAST AND EASY WAYS TO REGISTER YOUR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTY:

1

Click this link:

[Register your National Night Out Party!](#)

2

Call The Woodlands Township and ask for the Neighborhood Services Department.

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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT FOOD DRIVE



## Ongoing Pantry Needs

- Beans
- Canned fruit
- Canned meats
- Canned or powdered milk
- Canned vegetables
- Cereal
- Fruit juice
- Jelly
- Laundry soap
- Oatmeal
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Personal hygiene items
- Rice
- Toilet paper

Benefiting Interfaith  
of The Woodlands Food Pantry

**Collect** nonperishable food items at  
your National Night Out neighborhood  
party.

**Drop off** collected food items:

**Wednesday through Friday**  
**October 8 - 10, 2014**  
**8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

at Interfaith of The Woodlands  
4242 Interfaith Way

**Please mention National Night Out!**

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# ID THE BURGLAR

## VILLAGE CHALLENGE

- A burglar, along with a “good guy”, will be escorted by a Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office deputy to your National Night Out neighborhood party. Your neighborhood must then work as a team to help identify the burglar!
- The contest is designed to promote neighborhood cooperation, crime prevention awareness and test your neighborhood’s skill and accuracy in identifying a suspect.
- All interested parties must register by Tuesday, September 16, 2014. Just let your program specialist know that you’d like to add your party to the drawing.
- One party per village will be chosen by a drawing that will take place on Friday, September 19, 2014.

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# ID THE BURGLAR OFFICIAL RULES

A burglar will be sent to your National Night Out neighborhood party with a “good guy\*” and escorted by a Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office deputy. Your party will be notified of the *approximate time of arrival* in advance. The burglar will visit one party per village (chosen by drawing).

- No cameras or videotaping equipment may be used. To do so will result in disqualification of the entire neighborhood.
- Participating residents may not approach or stop the burglar while they are making their way through the neighborhood.
- All official description must be made on the *ID the Burglar* description form (one form per neighborhood) and submitted by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 to The Woodlands Township, Neighborhood Service Department, at 2801 Technology Forest Blvd.  
Township operating hours are:  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Judging will be based on the best (most accurate) description of the burglar







# The Woodlands Township

The Woodlands, TX

## WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

### FOR PARENTS OF PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

I affirm and acknowledge that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for the Participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided by the Waiver and Release herein.

### MEDIA/PHOTO WAIVER:

I hereby authorize and give my full consent to The Woodlands Township and their agents and assigns to take, copyright and/or publish any and all photographs, videotapes and/or film (the "Media") in which I, or my child, may appear while participating in the Program. I further authorize that The Woodlands Township to transfer, use or cause to be used, the Media in any exhibitions, public displays, publications, commercials, art and advertising purposes, without limitations or reservations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date